

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the Matter of the application of        )  
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES        ) DOCKET NO. 6260  
COMPANY for an order authorizing        )  
the issuance and sale of \$15,000,000        )  
in principal amount of first mortgage        ) SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER NO. 4156  
bonds, \_\_\_\_\_% Series and 100,000 )  
shares of preferred stock.        )

By Order No. 4156 dated October 29, 1974, this Commission authorized the applicant, Montana—Dakota Utilities Company, hereinafter called Company, to issue and sell by negotiation \$15,000,000 in principal amount of a new series of its first mortgage bonds \_\_\_\_\_% Series, hereinafter called the Bonds. The interest rate and price to be received by the Company were to be determined by negotiations with a group of underwriters; and following such negotiations the Company was to furnish the Commission with an amendment to its application, specifying the results of said negotiations for the sale and purchase of said Bonds.

On October 29, 1974, the Company filed an amendment to its application, setting forth (1) the results of the negotiations for the sale and purchase of the Bonds; (2) that said negotiations with a group of underwriters provide for the Bonds to bear an interest rate of 10.75% and a price to be paid to the Company of 99.05 (per \$100 face value thereof) and an effective cost of money to applicant of 10.8592%.

Having fully considered the supplemental application and all the records and files pertaining thereto and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That on October 29, 1974, the Company filed a supplemental application as contemplated by the Commission's Order No. 4156, dated October 29, 1974, which shows that the \$15,000,000 principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds due October 15, 1999, to be issued by the Company in accordance with the terms and results of the negotiations for the sale and

purchase of the Bonds as summarized above is not inconsistent with the public interest and is necessary and appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance by the company of service as a public utility.

### CONCLUSION

The Commission concludes that the supplemental application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company herein should be approved as hereinafter ordered.

### ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana, held at Helena, Montana, on November 1, 1974, there being present Chairman Ernest C. Steel and Commissioner Victor H. Fall, there regularly came before the Commission for final action the matters in Docket No. 6260 and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED by the Commission that the application filed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Company herein on August 28, 1974, as amended by an amendment thereto filed on October 29, 1974, for an order authorizing the sale of said Bonds to be issued and sold on the terms and conditions as set forth in said application, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, approved. The issuance and sale of said Bonds, bearing an interest rate of 10.75% and at a price to be received by the Company therefore of 99.05% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest on said Bonds to the date of payment for the delivery thereof, be, and the same hereby are, authorized.

Nothing in this order, and no provision of Titles 70-117.1 through 70-117.6, R.C.M. 1947, or any act or deed done and performed in connection therewith, shall be construed to obligate the State of Montana to pay or guarantee in any manner whatsoever any security authorized by this order or authorized, issued, assumed or guaranteed under the provisions of said Titles 70-117.1 through 70-117.6, R.C.M. 1947.

Except as herein modified all of the terms and provisions of Order No. 4156, Docket No. 6260, dated October 29, 1974, shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing order was adopted by the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana.

DONE in open session at Helena, Mont , this 1st day of November, 1974.

ERNEST C. STEEL, Chairman

VICTOR H. FALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

GAIL BEHAN  
Secretary

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